

# THE GUARDIANS' GAZETTE

Winter 2023 Edition

GREETINGS FROM DHI! WE HAVE A REGULAR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR OVERALL AGENCY, BUT I WANTED TO ALSO GET STARTED WITH A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER TO KEEP PARENTS AND GUARDIANS UP TO SPEED ON WHAT IS HAPPENING AT DEVELOPMENT HOMES! YOU ARE A CRITICAL STAKEHOLDER AND WE ARE FORTUNATE TO PARTNER WITH YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WE SERVE. TRICIA LEE, CEO

## Legislative Update

We have been spending time in Bismarck, participating in important conversations and hearings as part of the legislative assembly. Development Homes is part of the North Dakota Association of Community Providers (NDACP). We are supporting and advocating for the NDACP platform, which involves an equity increase of 11% to all services, as well as a 6% and 4% inflationary increase for each year of the biennium. We have had great support from our local legislators, and we have been very appreciative of their willingness to partner with us. If you have the chance to reach out to your local representatives, please let them know of the difference their support will make for the individuals we support.

March 21ST IS World Down Syndrome Day! We'll be taking part by participating in activities and events to help raise awareness. World Down Syndrome Day will be officially observed by the United Nations and is in its 12th year!



DHI IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT, IN HONOR OF AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, THE AUTISM WALK WILL BE COMING BACK THIS YEAR! PLEASE RESERVE APRIL 29TH FROM 10:00 AM TO NOON FOR THIS AWESOME EVENT. WE WILL BE HOSTING THE WALK AT THE GRAND CITIES MALL, SO PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE. STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME, AND GET THOSE WALKING SHOES READY!



- **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...DRUMROLL PLEASE...**
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- **ART NIGHTS! WE WILL BE STARTING THESE BACK UP ON FEBRUARY 28TH FROM 6:30-7:30 PM AT DHI. PROJECT FOR THE NIGHT IS A SURPRISE! WE ARE LOOKING FOWARD TO WHAT CREATIVE CREATIONS WILL BE MADE DURING THESE ARTISITIC EVENINGS.**

# Teen Night Out

The next Teen Night Out activity will be Thursday, February 16th at DHI. It's a Dance Party, with music by DJ Dance Man. The fun goes from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Taco in a bag and cupcakes will be served. Please RSVP to Joan Karpenko at 701-330-8641 or by sending an email to [joan@fvnd.org](mailto:joan@fvnd.org)



*Thank  
you!*

IF YOU EVER HAVE SUGGESTIONS OR FEEDBACK TO SHARE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME AT [TLEE@DEVELOPMENTHOMES.ORG](mailto:TLEE@DEVELOPMENTHOMES.ORG). I AM SO HAPPY TO BE AT DHI, AND I TRULY BELIEVE IN THE WORK THAT WE DO AND IN THE PEOPLE WE ARE HERE FOR. DR. TRICIA LEE, CEO



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**We Value our stakeholders and invite you to contact us to find out how you can make an impact in the lives of others!**



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